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Direct Support Professionals Week September 7-13



Governor O'Malley signed a proclamation declaring September 7-13 as Direct Support Professional Recognition Week in MD.

FMI on celebrating DSP and to read the proclamation visit, [National Advocacy Campaign](#)

MD DD Council funds Peer Buddy Program

Pemberton Elementary School in Salisbury MD will use student mentors to foster friendships between children with and without disabilities. For more information about the program, contact [Sarah Edwards](#)

Save-the-Date
November 15, 2014

DATE CORRECTION BELOW
September 2014

2014 Gubernatorial Candidates Forum on Disability Issues

Get Informed: Have Your Voice Heard!

Join the Maryland Disabilities Forum on **October 9, 2014** from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the National Federation of the Blind. (200 East Wells Street, Baltimore, MD 21230)



Come hear candidates for Maryland's next Governor and discuss policy issues that directly affect the lives of people with disabilities.

FMI and to pre-register for this FREE event visit, [MDforum2014](#)

Use the [Printable Flyer](#) to spread the word.

The 2013 Gubernatorial Candidates Forum is sponsored by the MD DD Council.

Check out the Council's New Sibling Resource Page

Sibling Support Resources

From following the MD Sibling Network on Facebook to peer support groups offered across the state, this new page covers a wide array of options for siblings of people with disabilities.

[Sibling Support Resources](#)



RecFest is Coming Soon!

FREE recreational event for people of ALL Abilities

Recreation is an important element of the physical and mental well-being in all of us.



Paving the Way: Transitioning Youth Conference at the BWI Marriot in Baltimore



This day-long event is open to families, youth & professionals who work with transitioning youth with disabilities.

[Register today](#)

People On the Go Annual Conference



Register now for POG's 2014 Annual Conference

The Future is Looking Brighter
Saturday, September 20th
FMI and to register visit,
[PeopleOntheGoMD](#)

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Attend RecFest on October 4th from 11:00am-4:00pm at the Patterson Park Recreation Center.

FMI and to register,
[Global Abilities](#)



October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

"Expect. Employ. Empower"

The [Office of Disability Employment Policy](#) reminds us that each October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.



The theme for 2014 is "Expect. Employ. Empower."

For more information and tips on what you can do to support NDEAM, look for the October edition of Council Connection.

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